

I claim:

1. In a method of hot-rolling of strip from rolling stock, including rolling the rolling stock in at least one reversing roughing stand with a number of passes into a broken-down strip having a length, transporting the broken-down strip over an intermediate roller table into at least one Steckel finishing stand and finish-rolling the broken-down strip in the Steckel finishing stand with a number of passes into a finished strip, and finally winding the strip into a coil, the improvement comprising shortening a length of the intermediate roller table determined by the length of the broken-down strip, and carrying out tandem rolling in the roughing stand and the finishing stand at least during a last roughing pass.

2. The method according to claim 1, comprising shortening the length of the intermediate roller table to a length which is shorter than the length of the broken-down strip.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the length of the intermediate roller is shortened to such an extent that tandem rolling of the broken-down strip in the roughing stand and the finishing stand can be carried out already during a second to last roughing pass.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein rolling speeds of the roughing stand and the finishing stand are synchronized during tandem rolling.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein during tandem rolling a transport speed and a transport direction of the intermediate roller table are synchronized with the rolling speed and the rolling direction of the roughing stand and the finishing stand.

6. A plant for the hot rolling of strip, comprising at least one reversing roughing stand for breaking-down rolling of a strip into a broken-down strip and at least one Steckel finishing stand for reducing the broken-down strip to a finished strip, further comprising an intermediate roller table connecting the roughing stand and the finishing stand, wherein a length of the intermediate roller table corresponds at most to a length of the broken-down strip prior to one of last roughing passes.

7. The plant according to claim 6, comprising shears upstream of the finishing stand, wherein the length of the intermediate roller table corresponds approximately to a distance between the finishing stand and the shears.

8. The plant according to claim 6, wherein the length of the intermediate roller table corresponds approximately to a length of the broken-down strip prior to the last roughing pass.